# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY IN BIHAR
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the telephone directory in Bihar especially Saharasa SSA has not been printed after 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for timely printing of telephone directory?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the directory printed in all the telecom districts of Bihar including Saharasa are given in the Annexure.

(c) Earlier the telephone directories were printed on positive royalty basis. Wherever those could not be printed on positive royalty such cases were referred to Department of Telecom Head Quarters by the Circles for relaxation of the conditions.This process caused certain amount of delay in bringing out the directories. Recently, the telephone directory printing policy has been reviewed and it has been decided to print the directories even on negative royalty or on cost sharing basis. CGMs of the telecom circles have been delegated powers to decide such cases in order to bring out the directories in time. In this review, the earlier arrangement of providing full directory each year has also been modified to printing of directory in alternate years and supplementary directory in the intervening year. This will further help in timely printing of directories. In respect of Saharasa telecom district tender has been opened and is under finalisation.

ANNEXURE

| SL. No. | Name of Telecom District | Year of Print of Current Directory | Corrected upto |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Arrah | 1997 | Aug, 1997 |
| 2 | Bhagalpur | 1996 | Oct, 1996 |
| 3 | Chhapra | 1997 | Aug, 1996 |
| 4 | Dhanbad | 1997 | Aug, 1997 |
| 5 | Darbhanga | 1997 | Mar, 1997 |
| 6 | Dumka | 1997 | Aug, 1996 |
| 7 | Gaya | 1997 | Aug, 1997 |
| 8 | Hazaribagh | 1997 | Aug, 1997 |
| 9 | Jamshedpur | 1997 | Aug, 1997 |
| 10 | Katihar | 1997 | Oct, 1996 |
| 11 | Motihari | 2000 | |
| 12 | Muzaffarpur | 1994 | Dec, 1993 |
| 13 | Munger | 1997 | Oct, 1997 |
| 14 | Patna | 1996 | Nov, 1996 |
| 15 | Ranchi | 1997 | Dec, 1996 |
| 16 | Sasaram | 1997 | Aug, 1997 |
| 17 | Saharasa | 1997 | Oct, 1996 |
| 18 | Daltanganj | 1997 | Aug, 1997 |
| 19 | Hazipur | NEW DISTRICT | |
| 20 | Khagaria | NEW DISTRICT | |